

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON FRIDAY 02 MAY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN FITZROY AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1900

HIGH CENTRAL EUROPE 1017 EXPECTED GERMAN BIGHT 1025 BY 1900 THURSDAY. NEW DEVELOPING LOW MOVING NORTHEAST, EXPECTED 500 MILES WEST OF FITZROY 988 BY SAME TIME. COMPLEX LOW ROCKALL 998 MOVING AWAY SOUTHWESTWARDS AND FILLING

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

MAINLY SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6, DECREASING 3 OR 4. MODERATE OR ROUGH, DECREASING SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, DECREASING 3 OR 4. MODERATE OR ROUGH, DECREASING SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER

SOUTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST, 4 OR 5. MODERATE OR ROUGH, DECREASING SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SQUALLY SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

SOUTHWEST 3 OR 4, BACKING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

BISCAY

SOUTHERLY BACKING EASTERLY 4 OR 5. MAINLY MODERATE. SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

SOUTHEAST TRAFALGAR

VARIABLE 3 OR 4, BECOMING EASTERLY 5 OR 6 LATER. SLIGHT BECOMING MODERATE. FAIR. GOOD

NORTHWEST TRAFALGAR FITZROY

SOUTHERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY 4 OR 5, INCREASING 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN WEST. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, BECOMING ROUGH IN WEST. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR DRIZZLE IN WEST LATER. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE IN WEST LATER

SOLE

SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH LATER. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

LUNDY FASTNET

SOUTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN WEST FASTNET. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, INCREASING ROUGH IN WEST FASTNET. SHOWERS THEN OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

IRISH SEA

SOUTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST, 4 OR 5. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. GOOD

SHANNON

SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

ROCKALL MALIN

SOUTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

HEBRIDES

SOUTHERLY OR SOUTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 FOR A TIME IN NORTH, BACKING SOUTHEASTERLY LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

BAILEY

CYCLONIC BECOMING SOUTHERLY OR SOUTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 IN EAST FOR A TIME, BACKING SOUTHEASTERLY LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

EASTERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY 5 OR 6, VEERING SOUTHERLY FOR A TIME. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST, VEERING EASTERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR